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1. REFTEL REQUESTS COMMERCIAL OFFICER TO DELIVER AND CONFIRM RECEIPT OF PRIVATE BUSINESS PROPOSAL, BEING SENT FPO BECAUSE COMPANY REPORTS DIFFICULTIES WITH INTERNATIONAL MAIL. WHEN RECEIVED, WE WILL OF COURSE ARRANGE TO SEND PACKAGE TO ADDRESSEE VIA NORMAL EMBASSY MESSENGER RUNS, BUT ARE FRANKLY CONCERNED OVER PROPRIETY OF REQUESTED ACTION.

2. INsofar AS WE ARE AWARE, USG HAS NO ROLE IN PROSPECTIVE PROJECT, WHICH RAISES QUESTION AS TO USE OF FPO FACILITIES AND SHOULD PROBABLY ALSO PRECLUDE DELIVERY BY AMERICAN OFFICIAL. WE DO NOT KNOW IF USDOC HAS CHECK WITH NAVY PERMISSIBILITY USING FPO FOR SUCH A PRIVATE PURPOSE. WE HERE WOULD NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO DO SO. EMBASSY CAIRO IS NOT A POST OFFICE AND ECON/COMMERCIAL LACKS THE STAFF TO UNDERTAKE NON-USG DELIVERY SERVICES ON A REGULAR BASIS.

3. SUPPORT FOR AND INTEREST IN ACTIVITIES OF US BUSINESS TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER ALMOST EVERY OTHER  
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FUNCTION AT THIS POST WITH EXCEPTION OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

CONNECTED WITH THE PEACE PROCESS. IN MEMORANDUM TO ALL EMPLOYEES, AMBASSADOR HAS RECENTLY REMINDED THEM HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF TO BE PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL OFFICER, A ROLE TO BE SHARED BY EVERYONE IN FURTHERING EFFORTS OF ECON/COML STAFF. WE HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, BUT OUR SERVICES MUST BE WITHIN PERSONNEL AND OTHER RESOURCES CONSTRAINTS.

4. IN THIS REGARD, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT EMBASSY CONTINUES TO RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM WASHINGTON AGENCIES FOR SERVICES THAT GO BEYOND WHAT WE CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE WITH OUR LIMITED STAFF AND TIME. REFTTEL IS A RECENT EXAMPLE, BUT WE HAVE HAD OTHERS ASKING FOR HOTEL BOOKINGS, TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATION LINKS, SERVICES WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE, EVEN THOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THE FRUSTRATION OF BUSINESSMEN IN TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH THESE MATTERS WITH AN EGYPTIAN INFRASTRUCTURE NOTABLE FOR ITS UNRELIABILITY AND EFFICIENCY. CONSTRAINTS OF BOTH TIME AND MANPOWER, PLUS OUR LAWS AND REGULATIONS, REQUIRE A RATIONAL APPLICATION OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES. RESPONDING TO EVERY REQUEST FROM ONE BUSINESSMAN NECESSITATES REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION IN ASSISTANCE THAT CAN BE PROVIDED TO OTHERS.

5. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT REALITIES OF SITUATION BE EXPLAINED MORE EXPLICITLY IN WASHINGTON, SO THAT COMMERCIAL VISITORS WILL NOT BE EXPECTING MORE THAN EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE.  
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